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**SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Progress Report**

**WT Docket No. 16-319, *Bresnan Communications, LLC, Request for Waiver***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 21, 2016 the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (“Bureau”) granted T-Mobile License LLC (“T-Mobile”) a waiver of Section 27.14(g)(1) of the rules in the above-referenced proceeding.<sup>1/</sup> The Waiver Letter required, among other things, that T-Mobile file a sworn statement by January 21, 2019, specifying the steps that it has taken to extend service to the Fort Peck Reservation.

T-Mobile has satisfied the 70 Percent Coverage Benchmark (as that term is defined in the Waiver Letter) in BEA 144, which includes the Fort Peck Reservation.<sup>2/</sup> As the notification of construction demonstrates, T-Mobile covers 73% of BEA 144, consistent with its 70 Percent Coverage Benchmark obligation. Attached to this letter is a sworn statement by Michael Simpson, Senior Vice President, Technology Procurement, Planning & Development of T-Mobile USA, Inc.<sup>3/</sup> As Mr. Simpson’s statement confirms, in meeting the 70 Percent Coverage Benchmark obligation, T-Mobile provides service to a majority of the Fort Peck Reservation. Mr. Simpson’s statement is supported by a map showing that coverage.

T-Mobile has deployed its 700 MHz spectrum to serve other Tribal areas in Montana as well. In particular, it has initiated service in portions of the Flathead, Blackfeet, Rocky Boy, and Crow Reservations. T-Mobile continues to deploy new 700 MHz facilities in the state of Montana and

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<sup>1/</sup> Letter from Roger S. Noel, Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, to Steve B. Sharkey, T-Mobile License LLC, 31 FCC Rcd 13379, WT-Docket No. 16-319, rel. Dec. 21, 2016 (“Waiver Letter”).

<sup>2/</sup> See ULS File Nos. 0008495155, 0008495158, and 0008495160.

<sup>3/</sup> T-Mobile USA, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of T-Mobile US, Inc., a publicly traded company.

hopes to further expand coverage throughout the state in the coming months, unleashing new competition to consumers – including those on Native Nations reservations where there are few wireless choices.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

/s/ Steve Sharkey

Steve Sharkey  
Vice President, Government Affairs  
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Attachment

## SWORN STATEMENT OF MICHAEL SIMPSON

1. I am the Senior Vice President, Technology Procurement, Planning & Development of T-Mobile USA, Inc. ("T-Mobile"), a wholly owned subsidiary of T-Mobile US, Inc., a publicly traded company.
2. In that role, I am responsible for the procurement of equipment and oversee its eventual deployment in markets for T-Mobile.
3. I have personal knowledge of the deployment of T-Mobile's 700 MHz network in the State of the Montana, including where the Fort Peck Reservation is located.
4. As of the date of this Statement, T-Mobile provides service to a majority of the Fort Peck Reservation
5. The attached map shows coverage to the Fort Peck Reservation and the transmitter sites (indicated by blue triangles) that serve the Fort Peck Reservation.
6. Pursuant to Section 1.16 of the Commission's rules, I hereby swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Simpson

Dated: 1.17.2019

Attachment

## Ft. Peck buildout - Detail

